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January 26, 2015

Mark Cowin
California Department of Water Resources
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Dear Mr. Cowin:

As outlined in the California Water Code, Part 2.74, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Act), Section 10723 (c), the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) shall be deemed the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) within its boundaries with powers to comply with Act. On January 09, 2015 the FCGMA held a public hearing and passed Resolution 2015-01, Attachment 1, wherein the FCGMA elected to become the GSA for the Arroyo Santa Rosa Valley, Las Posas Valley (West, South, and East), Oxnard Forebay, Oxnard Plain and Pleasant Valley Basins within the FCGMA boundaries. Therefore, this letter shall service as the Notice of Intent for the FCGMA to assume the role as the GSA for the aforementioned basins, depicted on Attachment 2.

Per Section 10723.2 of the Act, the GSA shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans. The FCGMA as enacted has a Board of Directors and operating structure that clearly represents the interests of all users and uses of groundwater and surface water within the FCGMA boundaries. The five member Board of the FCGMA is comprised as follows:

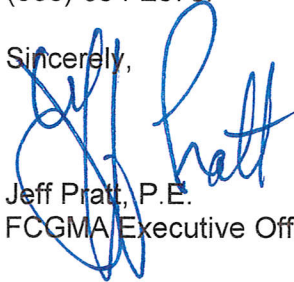
- One member shall be chosen by United Water Conservation District, the member's district or divisions must overlie at least in part the territory of the FCGMA;
- One member shall be chosen by the County of Ventura, the member's district must overlie at least in part the territory of the FCGMA;
- One member shall be chosen from the members of the city councils of the cities whose territory at least in part overlies the territory of the FCGMA;
- One member shall be chosen from the members of the governing boards of the following mutual water companies and special districts not governed by the County Board of Supervisors which are engaged in water activities and whose territory at least in part overlies the territory of the FCGMA: the Alta Mutual Water Company, the Anacapa Municipal Water District, the Berylwood Mutual Water Company, the Calleguas Municipal Water District, the Camrosa County Water District, the Del Norte Mutual Water Company, the Pleasant Valley County Water District, and the Zone Mutual Water Company; and
- The fifth member of the Board shall be chosen by the other four members from a list of at least five nominations from the Ventura County Farm Bureau and the Ventura County Agricultural Association acting jointly for a two-year term to represent agricultural interests within the territory

of the FCGMA. The fifth member shall reside and be actively and primarily engaged in agriculture within the territory of the FCGMA.

Acting as a groundwater management agency since 1983 the FCGMA has undertaken a collaborative and inclusive model to include all users and uses of groundwater as it strives to protect this valuable resource. It has enacted numerous policies and ordinances aimed at protecting the resource. A history of the FCGMA and pertinent ordinances and resolutions are available at <http://fcgma.org/>.

Should you require additional information or a clarification of this Notice of Intent, please contact me at (805) 654-2073.

Sincerely,



Jeff Pratt, P.E.
FCGMA Executive Officer

Attachments: (1) FCGMA Resolution 2015-01
(2) FCGMA Boundary and Basins

cc: Bob Pierotti, Supervising Engineering Geologist
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Map Showing DWR Bulletin 118 Basins Within FCGMA and CASGEM Basin Prioritization Level



Resolution No. 2015-01
of the
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

**A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO BE THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY FOR THE ARROYO SANTA ROSA VALLEY, (WEST, SOUTH, EAST)
LAS POSAS VALLEY, OXNARD FOREBAY, OXNARD PLAIN, AND
PLEASANT VALLEY BASINS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FOX
CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

WHEREAS, Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency was formed for the purpose of preserving the groundwater resources within its statutory boundaries and has such powers granted by its enabling legislation and such other powers as are reasonably implied and necessary and proper to carry out its objectives and purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Agency's statutory boundaries overlie the following groundwater basins identified and defined in the Department of Water Resources report entitled "California's Groundwater: Bulletin 118" updated in 2003: the Arroyo Santa Rosa Valley Groundwater Basin, the Las Posas Valley Groundwater Basin, the Oxnard Sub-basin of the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, and the Pleasant Valley Groundwater Basins within the boundaries of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Legislature added the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act to the Water Code which grants the Agency additional authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes the Agency as the exclusive local agency within its statutory boundaries unless it elects to opt out of being the exclusive groundwater management agency within those boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Agency wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a groundwater sustainability agency granted by the Act and has conducted the public hearing required under section 10723 of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED
that:

1. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency elects to be the exclusive groundwater management agency within its statutory boundaries with powers to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act;

- and
2. The Executive Officer is authorized to submit to the Department of Water Resources on behalf of the Agency a notice of intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in accordance with Part 2.74 of the Water Code.

On motion by Director Craven, and seconded by Director Kelley, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted on January 9, 2015 by the following vote.

AYES – Chair Maulhardt, Directors Craven, Bennett, and Kelley

NOES – None

ABSTAINS – None

ABSENT – Director Borchard

By:


Lynn E. Maulhardt, Chair, Board of Directors
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

ATTEST: I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2015-01.

By:


Jessica Kam, Clerk of the Board